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In re Application of:
Chen et al.
Serial No.: 08/856,116
Filed: May 14, 1997
For: Reliability Barrier Integration
For CU Application

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2000

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2000, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 4, 2000, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Acct. No. 20-0782/AMAT/1931/MD/COPPER/DV, \$54.00 for three (3) additional dependent claims, along with any other fees necessary to make this response timely.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

- On page 4, line 19, please insert -- hole-- after “plug”.
- On page 4, line 21, please insert -- hole-- after “plug”.
- On page 5, line 9, please insert -- hole-- after “on the sidewall of the plug”.
- On page 5, line 10, please insert -- hole-- after “plug”.
- On page 5, line 12, please insert -- hole-- after “plug”.
- On page 5, line 14, please insert -- hole-- after “plug”.
- On page 5, line 16, please insert -- hole-- after “plug”.

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